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## Dr. David Sadker, champion of gender equity, delivers 131st commencement address



Dr. David M. Sadker

Dr. David M. Sadker, a noted advocate of gender equity in schools and colleges, told Gallaudet's Class of 2000 an anecdote during his commencement address that could have been funny—if not for the fact that its alleged truth was so frightening. The story goes that over 100 years ago, a professor at the helm of an Ivy League think tank opposed the education of women, claiming that when females studied, blood was diverted from their ovaries and overstimulated their brains, leading to sterility and insanity.

As bizarre as the tale is today, how removed is it from the real-life atrocities which Sadker cited that women around the world face in the year 2000—spousal rape, female circumcision, and female infanticide? Or Afghani women, who are denied the right to attend school, go to work, or receive hospital care?

Sadker, a professor of education at American University, and his late wife, Myra, both acclaimed educators, researchers, and authors, devoted their careers to righting the wrongs of gender bias, particularly in the classroom. He pointed out that today, 'sexism' and 'sexual harassment' are common terms, and attempts to eradicate them have transformed politics, the work place, and the way men interact with women in general. But 30 years ago, when Myra Sadker's book *Sexism in School and Society* was first published, they were unheard of. 'Sexism' and 'sex' were synonymous, and readers bought the book mistakenly thinking it was a steamy account of sex in school and society.

There is no doubt that great steps have been made toward gender equity. Women account for more than 50 percent of college enrollment, for example, and high profile events such as the victory of the Women's World Cup soccer team, highlight women's achievements. But Sadker warned of a backlash by those who say the feminist movement has "gone too far." The most destructive criticisms of the women's movement, he said, are charges that ensuring women's rights are in fact an assault on men. "The truth is quite the opposite," said Sadker, because it "has given boys and men ... a new perspective on how gender roles shape and short-change males."

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## Board supports restructuring plan

The Gallaudet Board of Trustees has given its support to President Jordan's plan to restructure the University's administration, which was first announced to the campus last month.

At the board's May 13 meeting, Chair Glenn Anderson called the restructuring "a well-developed plan that can be revised as necessary." He added that the board "is pleased that the president has taken this bold step" and that it "has confidence" in the plan.

"Gallaudet can't expect to grow and move forward unless it becomes more nimble and efficient and more responsive to the students and constituencies we serve," said Dr. Anderson. He said that the Board of Trustees

"applauds the selection of Dr. Jane Fernandes as provost" and that the board "looks forward to working" with Dr. Jordan, Fernandes, Vice President for Administration and Business Paul Kelly, and the University faculty, "to build for a better tomorrow."

On another topic, Philip Bravin, chair of the Committee on Financial Affairs, announced that an ad hoc committee will investigate problems with the campus' technology services. He said the committee, with additional input from outside consultants, will conduct a study and develop a solution. Bravin added that Gallaudet is not alone; many colleges and universities using PeopleSoft have experienced glitches with

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## Honorary degrees

Two individuals who have made outstanding contributions toward the advancement of humankind joined the cadre of Gallaudet's honorary doctorate degree holders at the University's 131st commencement exercises May 12.

Dr. David M. Sadker was awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree, and Benjamin J. Soukup Jr. was awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Reading from Sadker's citation, Board of Trustees member Carol Padden spoke of the "almost invisible civil rights battle" that has raged for more than three centuries in America's schools to win equal educational opportunities for females. The "dramatic changes" that have taken place in this arena in the past few decades are "in no small part due to the work of David Miller Sadker and his late wife, Myra Pollack Sadker."

The Sadkers have been "pioneers in documenting gender bias in the nation's classrooms," Dr. Padden read. Through their work as educators, researchers, and authors, the Sadkers uncovered blatant discrimination in all areas of the educational system. Through their work, they have drawn national attention to these problems. Their findings have been reported in major news publications and television programs, and they have received numerous awards.

Although Myra Sadker's absence is felt by many, the citation states that the honorary degree "is a tribute to the lasting presence of [the Sadkers'] work together."

It was fitting that Soukup's citation was read by Dr. Mervin Garretson, whose retirement

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## Commencement on-line

The new millennium ushered in a history-making moment for Gallaudet on May 12. Thanks to the Internet, the 131st commencement exercises could be seen, with captions, on computer screens around the world by users with Microsoft's Windows Media Video format and the Windows Media Player. The program was broadcast in a format called "streaming video."

Dorothy Steele, a part-time Gallaudet student, watched from her office at the State Education Department in Albany, N.Y. "This was just fantastic!" she said in an e-mail. "It would be nice to make this an annual event for those who are unable to attend physically. I am sure there are other events and programs that would be useful or fitting for an Internet video viewing. Congrats to those who thought of this and made it possible! Thank you!"

Gallaudet University Television co-produced the Webcast with Videoscape.net, an Internet video messenger, Digital Island, a global e-business delivery network, and Vialog, a provider of audio, video, and Internet conferencing services. Learning Technologies provided technical and facilities support.

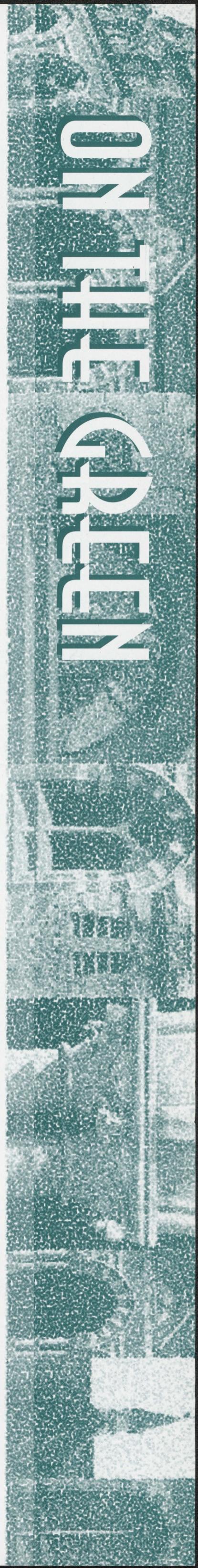
Judy Berglund, special assistant to the vice president for the Clerc Center, watched snippets of graduation in her office. Berglund said, "This was great! I could sit in my office, clicking in and out [of the ceremony] while continuing work!"

Some viewers had suggestions for improving the site next time. Some complaints

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Benjamin J. Soukup Jr., who received an honorary doctor of laws degree, is hooded by Philip Bravin, Dr. Mervin Garretson, and (not pictured) Celia May Baldwin.





## ASK AUNT SOPHIE

Dear Aunt Sophie,

**It appears to me the support staff and faculty have lost their minds. It appears we don't like much of anything going on at Gallaudet. It appears we have our own personal agendas. It appears we like to point fingers at each other to blame for what is wrong. John F. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you but what you can do for your country." Can we PLEASE say this for Gallaudet as I am sick and tired of hearing so many staff/faculty b---- about what they think Gallaudet should do for them. There are other places of**

employment that may want you if you don't want Gallaudet.

### Happy To Be Here

Dear HTBH,

Change and Tranquility are opposite sides of the same coin, and at the moment, the side facing Gallaudet is Change. The problem with Change is that it scares the bejeezis out of many people, and oft times causes otherwise calm, rational individuals to behave like blithering idiots. Still, the ones you refer to in your letter are our blithering idiots, and many have given much to Kendall Green over the years. So, instead of ordering them to "Love Gallaudet Or Leave It," Aunty believes it is incumbent upon you and me and others of our ilk to take them gently by the hand, lead them to a shady place, and say to them sweetly-but-with-gusto: "Stop with the kvetching, already. Get with the program!"

If you have a burning question that you would like to ask Aunt Sophie, e-mail her at public.relations. Be sure you say your question is for Aunt Sophie.

### Honorary degrees

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from the Board of Trustees after a long and illustrious career to both Gallaudet and the deaf community was announced earlier the same day.

For the past quarter century, Soukup has demonstrated dynamic leadership for the deaf community in South Dakota and across the nation. The citation credits him, as chief executive of South Dakota's Communication Service for the Deaf, with transforming the CSD's "humble beginnings" in a closet of the South Dakota School for the Deaf into "an exemplary service organization serving one million people and

employing over 1,500 individuals across the nation."

Soukup's other civic contributions, read Garretson, include serving on numerous task forces and committees to improve the quality of life for deaf and hard of hearing people. He was a board member of the National Association of the Deaf from 1988 to 1998, and served the last five years as president. He has been a board member and state legislation liaison for the South Dakota Association of the Deaf since 1966, serving as president from 1974 to 1985. Last year, Soukup was inducted into the South Dakota State Hall of Fame for community leadership. **G**

### Board of Trustees

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the database package. "It's the nature of the beast, but we will resolve the issue," he said.

On a poignant note, the board accepted the resignation of Dr. Mervin Garretson, a board member since 1990. "Merv, you've given 40 years of your life to Gallaudet, and that's a lot," said Anderson before board member John Yeh read a resolution honoring Garretson for his numerous accomplishments benefiting the University and the deaf community.

Anderson also announced the appointment of two new Board of Trustees members, Anthony

Buzzelli, a senior partner with Deloitte and Touche, and Dr. Frank Wu, an attorney and a professor at Howard University.

In other topics at the May Board of Trustees meeting: the board gave president Jordan the authority to give up to a three-percent general pay increase to employees; it was announced that \$4 million-\$2 million in funds given by the late Bertram and Olive Swindells and \$2 million in matching federal funds-has been set aside for an endowed scholarship in their name; it was announced that the "Unite for Gallaudet" campaign, which has a goal of raising \$30 million, now stands at \$23 million. **G**

## Learning is a lifelong process, Dr. Cole tells students at graduate hooding

Addressing the graduate students of the Class of 2000 at the May 11 Graduate Hooding and Awards Ceremony, Dr. Johnetta B. Cole had a piece of advice that at first raised a few eyebrows: "Please don't ever grow up," said Cole, a distinguished professor at Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., and a member of Gallaudet's Board of Trustees.

Cole went on to explain that by refraining from "growing up," she meant "in the sense that I ask you to be a student for the rest of your life." Too often, school is defined as the place where learning occurs. This is not true, said Cole. "The truth is that the moment we cease to learn, we actually cease to be fully human and alive."

Her second bit of advice was for the graduates to give back to the community. "Doing for others is just the rent you must pay for living on this earth," said Cole. Her final advice for the Class of 2000 was to respect diversity: "We will know our full strength only when we require and use the contributions of people of different religious beliefs, different ages, different sexual orientations, different socio-economical classes, and yes, people who are differently abled."

Following Cole's address was the presentation of graduate awards. The awards and their recipients were:

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He explained that when he was a boy, growing up in an era of male role stereotypes, he was confident that he would become a baseball star. "In case you haven't noticed, I am not playing shortstop, nor are the other four million boys who had the same career plan in mind," he said. "I had a lot to learn about the joys and responsibilities of being a man, and being a super hero was not part of it."

Today, he said, too many men are unprepared for marriage to women, working with women, or for being a good parent. "If a man is to work well in today's world, he'd best unlearn the sexist lessons of his own childhood," Sadker counseled. "We have no time for a war against boys or girls."

Sadker's message to the graduating class was preceded by words of encouragement and hope for the future by class representatives Cheryl Lyn Collier Morris and Paul Kingsley Simmons.

Morris, an undergraduate, talked about the importance of pursuing dreams, and how they can lead to unexpected ends. In

Marjorie Stull Award, to a first-year student demonstrating exceptional ability teaching deaf students, Jenny Lam; Department of Education's Daniel T. Cloud Award, Kelly Godreau and Myra Yanke; Helen Fay Award, to a student most likely to make significant contributions to the field of teaching deaf students, Allison Sandberg; Philip J. Schmitt Memorial Fund, honoring academic performance, Jessamin O'Hara; Cassandra C. Ketterer Scholarship Award, for commitment and advocacy for deaf and hard of hearing children, Kendra Smith; Thomas J. Landers Award, to an M.S. graduate deemed to make significant contributions to special education administration, Paul Simmons;

School of Communication Award, Koon Wei Ho and Jennifer Hutchison; Seltzer League Award, to a student expected to broaden the understanding of hearing loss, Amy McCart; Outstanding Linguistics Student Award, Kristin Mulrooney and Laura Sanheim; Ron Coffey Award, to an outstanding student interpreter, Laura O'Callahan; Elizabeth Peet Award, to a student demonstrating commitment in providing psychological services to deaf children in schools, Dawn Jacobs; Larry Stewart Award, to an outstanding clinical psychology student, Holly Coryell; Arlene Gavin Award, to a social work student demonstrating commitment in the

field, Colleen Witchger; Catherine H. Moses Award, to a student showing leadership and potential to social work practice with deaf and hard of hearing students, Lisa Parker.

Graduate Writing and Research Awards went to Tyler Johnson and Bruce Sofinski; the Graduate Student Outstanding Achievement Award went to Sara Gerhold; the Outstanding External Collaborator Award went to Dr. Elena Radutzky; the Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award went to Dr. Stephen Lotterman, associate professor in the Audiology Department; and a special award went to Dr. Carol LaSasso, a professor in the Education Department. **G**

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were logged about buffering-which caused important seconds to be lost, and the lulls between sections of commencement, during which the screen went dark. Others were disappointed that they could not access the site using a Mac.

However, streaming video is still a developing technology, and there are technical details to be worked out before offering next year's on-line coverage of commencement. **G**



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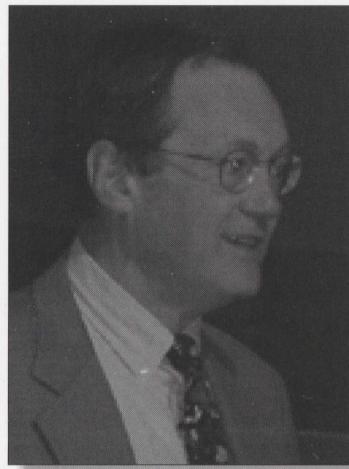
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## 'Bridging the Gap' conference focuses on learning disabilities



Dr. Mel Levine, professor of pediatrics at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, addresses participants at the "Bridging the Gap" conference on April 13.

By David Tossman

Improving collaboration among professionals who work with deaf people who also have learning disabilities was the goal of a Gallaudet-sponsored conference, "Bridging the Gap Between Research and Practice in the Fields of Learning Disabilities and Deafness," held April 13 and 14 in the Conference Center.

President Jordan addressed the conference participants, saying that in regards to teaching, "We must focus on individual children, not 'one size fits all.' We all learn differently. We must find the strengths in the individual and bypass their weaknesses."

The highlights of the conference, which included over 13 workshops and several presentations, were keynote speakers Drs. Mel Levine and Alan Zametkin.

Levine is a professor of pediatrics and director of the Clinical Center for the Study of

Development and Learning at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. He told the participants, which included researchers, parents, children, and other professionals who work with disabled students and adults, that the time has come to stop identifying certain people as "learning disabled." "Don't label the child as learning disabled, but focus on their learning profile," Levine said. He believes it is important to concentrate on a person's strengths and to let children learn in their own way.

Zametkin is senior staff physician in the Office of the Clinical Director, Intramural Research Program, at the National Institutes of Mental Health, and is internationally recognized on the diagnosis, treatment, and management of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in children and adults. Addressing research updates on ADHD, Zametkin said although the causes of ADHD are still unknown, research has suggested that in many cases it's inherited. He said stimulant medicine has proven the most effective in dealing with ADHD.

Dr. William Kachman, director of assessment and child services in the Gallaudet Mental Health Center, served on the planning committee for the conference. Kachman felt the conference was important for professionals in the field because they do not get together often enough to share information and research. "We are trying to bridge the gap between deafness and learning disability, and Dr. Levine's teaching is exceptionally adaptable to the deaf [learning disabled] population." **G**

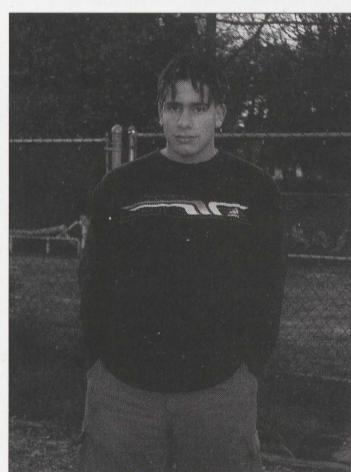
## Mom, Einstein, Oprah: deaf teens write about role models

By Susan Flanigan and  
Cathryn Carroll

This year, the Gallaudet University National Essay Contest challenged deaf and hard of hearing teens to write about the most important person in their lives.

Out of 125 entries from the United States and Canada, mothers were cited most, with fathers and other relatives ranking as close seconds. Influential individuals who took third place included coaches, interpreters, and famous figures such as scientist Albert Einstein and media megastar Oprah Winfrey.

The School of Education and Human Services, Enrollment Services, and the Clerc Center sponsored the contest, and winning essays will be published in the May/June issue of *World Around You* magazine. Judges for this year's contest were Dr. Ernest Hairston, author and asso-



Kyle Rosenberg, from Mountain Lake School in New Jersey, won first prize for his essay "Billy Allen."

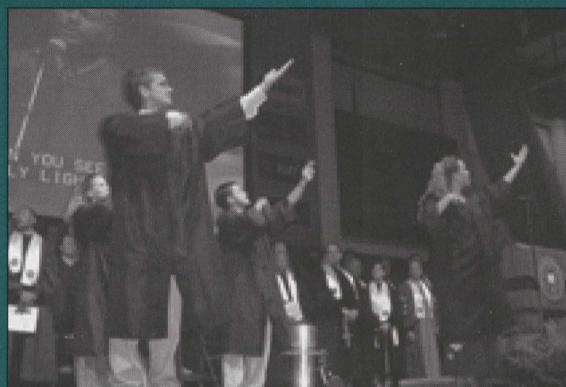
ciate division director of the U.S. Department of Education, and Dr. Katherine Jankowski, author and director of KDES and MSSD.

Kyle Rosenberg, from Mountain Lake School in New Jersey, won the \$1,000 first prize

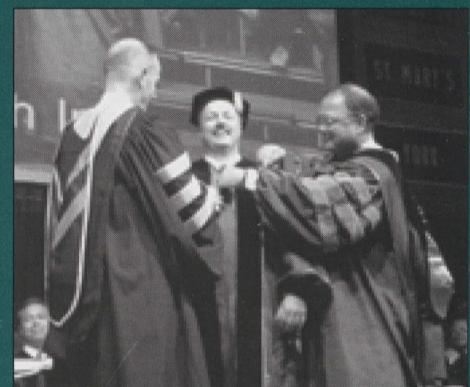
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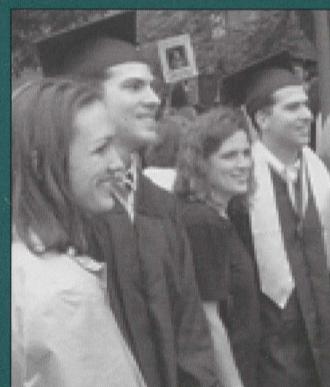
It was the happiest and most exciting day in the lives of the 157 undergraduate and 147 graduate students who received degrees at Gallaudet's 131st commencement on May 12. Taking the spotlight was Marion McVernon, who, at age 101, received her long overdue degree. McVernon, originally a member of the Class of 1923, was asked by Gallaudet to go to the Mississippi School for the Deaf to teach home economics before her senior year and was never able to return to the University. Students decorated their caps and gowns to honor their allegiances, whether it was to their country, fraternity, partner, or mom and dad. After the ceremony, at a reception held under clear skies on the grassy area behind the Ely Center and College Hall, everyone from the Class of 2000 had one last chance to mingle before going their separate ways.



Sherry Pedersen, Marc Jette, Ben Hoshina, and Stacey Pedersen sign the national anthem.



Among the graduates was associate professor of education Jay Innes, who received his Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Education. Here, he is hooded by Department of Administration and Supervision Chair William Marshall and School of Education and Human Services Dean William McCrone.



Two of the Kuhn triplets pose for photos with their fiancées. Summer weddings are planned for both couples.



College of Arts and Sciences Dean Jane Dillehay, SEHS Dean William McCrone, School of Undergraduate Studies Dean Stephen Weiner, and Student Affairs Executive Director Carl Pramuk horse around before the ceremonies begin.



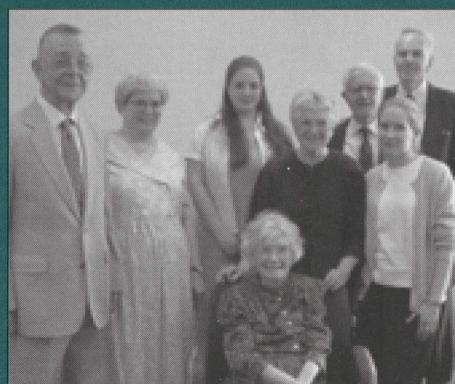
Mirjam Pedersen from Norway wore her country's flag on her cap.



These glasses were a stylish accessory for some members of the Class of 2000.



This graduate thanks everybody whose name he can fit on his cap and gown.



101-year-old Marion McVernon, originally a member of the Class of 1923, poses with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren before receiving her bachelor's degree in home economics.



The Gallaudet Dance Company entertained the audience before the festivities got underway.

## Sandy McLennon—self-defense for women

Sandy McLennon, a member of the Class of '79 and an assistant professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation, has been teaching at Gallaudet for the past 13 years, beginning at the former Northwest Campus. Sandy teaches badminton, how to use free weights and the Cybex machines properly, First Year Seminar, and self-defense.

After graduating from Gallaudet, she was a dorm supervisor at the Florida School for the Deaf for one year, then worked at the New Jersey School for the Deaf (Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf) for two years as a dorm supervisor, cross country coach, basketball coach, and volleyball coach. From 1982 to 1984, she worked at the Fanwood School for the Deaf in White Plains, N.Y. In the fall of 1984, she was offered her first teaching position at the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf. "This was my first experience as a PE teacher," said Sandy, "and I loved it very much." So much so that she started to pursue her master's degree,



Sandy McLennon

which she received from Western Maryland College in 1986.

When she was offered a teaching position at the Northwest Campus, she accepted it without hesitation. While teaching there, she enrolled for another master's degree—sports administration—at Temple University in Philadelphia, which she received in 1990.

One day in 1990, she attended a self-defense class with a friend and became absorbed. A victim of abuse in her adolescent years, Sandy wanted to learn more about self-defense for

women so she could teach students, support groups, and other deaf women in the community.

Sandy has conducted self-defense workshops to members of the campus sororities, in the dorms, at the Maryland School for the Deaf, and to support groups. Sandy is the first deaf self-defense instructor with the Rape Aggression Defense System in the United States.

"Self-defense is about technique, how to protect yourself in various situations such as in a car or in a house," said Sandy. "We show a variety of physical techniques—kick, strike, choke, and what to do when you are on the ground or standing up. We also inform people to be aware of their surroundings in strange, isolated, or confined places. Self-defense is not learned in just one or two sessions, and it is important for women to develop some strength and self-esteem."

Sandy hopes to offer self-defense classes in the near future for anyone who would like to attend. G

## Activities celebrate Social Work Department's milestones

By Shana Cohen, MSW student

This year, Gallaudet's Social Work Department celebrated the 10th anniversary of its master's degree program in social work and the 30th anniversary of its B.A. degree program in social work.

Activities have included workshops on play therapy, and one entitled "The Art of Supervision," which drew field instructors from Gallaudet and other universities, including Catholic University, The University of the District of Columbia, and Howard University.

On April 11, social work graduate students attended a conference for professionals working with deaf or hard of hearing clients. This conference, which was hosted by the Individuals with Disabilities Division of Prince George's County, Md., was initiat-

ed last year by two of the Social Work Department's interns.

Another Department event was the May 2 Awards Luncheon. The annual luncheon recognizes outstanding achievements by students and field instructors and shows appreciation for all of the field instructors who supervise social work interns. Presenters at the luncheon were Dr. Katherine Kendall and Andrea Shettle. Kendall, author of the recently published book, *Social Work Education: Its Origins in Europe*, was the first executive director of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and has served as CSWE's director of international education and as secretary general of the International Association of Schools of Social Work. Her topic was "The Entangled Roots of Poverty and Social Work Education." Shettle, a May 2000

graduate of the MSW program and recipient of the Graduate Student Outstanding Achievement Award in 1999, spoke about her internship with the deaf community in Costa Rica.

Several Department members will be conducting activities during the summer. Through Summer Programs, Marcia Schweitzer will offer a weekend workshop on the establishment and development of non-profit organizations. Dr. Barbara White will teach a course on adoption, including deaf adoptions. Dr. Martha Sheridan will teach an online course called "Human Services Practice with People with Disabilities."

The MSW students network among social workers providing services to deaf and hard of hearing people through an online discussion forum and resource library (<http://academic.gallaudet.edu/prof/dhhsw.nsf>). G



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Cheryl Cooper (left), a graduate student, and Marcella Sellers (standing) and Ryan Commerson (right), undergraduate students, recipients of the Highberger Family Endowed Scholarship Fund for the 2000-2001 academic year, are shown at an April 28 reception with Mrs. Violet Highberger.

Ryan Commerson (second from right), and Mrs. Nancy Van Allen and Col. William Van Allen, who have close family ties to the Highbergers. The fund provides tuition assistance to communication majors who have demonstrated high academic achievement.



## Essay contest winners

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for his essay "Billy Allen," about an advocate for deaf and hard of hearing people whose confidence in Kyle transformed his life. The \$500 second place award went to Latoya Plummer of Washington, D.C., for her essay "Supermom," about her mother, Michelle Plummer. Casey Kelly from the Wisconsin School for the Deaf earned \$250 for an essay about his entire family.

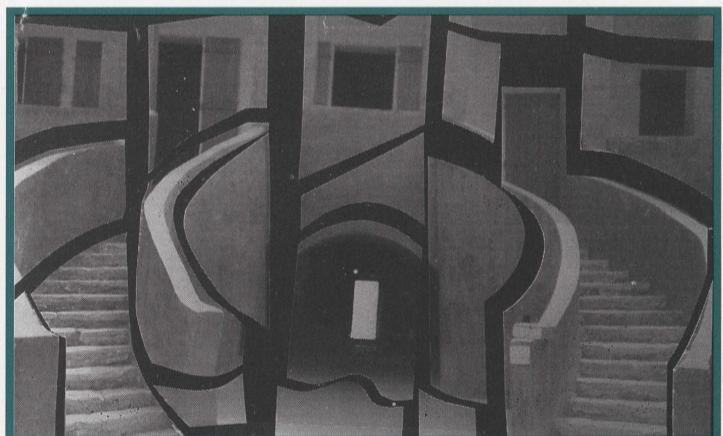
Honorable mentions of \$100 went to Fara Wilson of Brentwood High in Missouri and Sasha Ponappa of Petrides School in New York. Meritorious awards went to Joelle Wibbenmeyer, Brentwood, Mo.; Erin Moran, Scranton, Pa.; Nathan Barnes, Knoxville, Tenn.; Aaron Mowell, Virginia Beach, Va.; and Joshua Paulson, Trufant, Wisc. Editor's award winners were Chris Rodakis, Syosset, N.Y., and Jesse Fonner, Rockville, Md.

All scholarships will be doubled for any of the winners who elect to attend Gallaudet University. All entrants who placed in the contest and their teachers will receive free subscriptions to *World Around You* and *World Around You-Teacher's Guide* next



Second place winner Latoya Plummer, from MSSD, won \$500 for her essay "Supermom," about her mother, Michelle Plummer.

year. In addition, they will receive two books, *Movers and Shakers: Deaf People Who Changed the World*, donated by DawnSignPress, and *Douglas Tilden: The Sculptor and His Legacy*, donated by Eric Albronda. "We appreciate these donations," said Dr. Jane Fernandes. "Literacy is one of our national priorities and this contest gives us an opportunity to focus on developing the literacy of deaf and hard of hearing teens in a way that inspires both the writers and their teachers." G



The General Conference of the United Methodist Church selected English professor Barbara Hardaway's photocollage "House of Slaves" as its national logo for this year's conference May 2-12. The topic was "Reconciliation for Racism within the Church." The collage depicts "the door of no return" for enslaved Africans who were kidnapped and brought to the Americas. Dr. Hardaway's artwork can be viewed at [www.barbarahardawaystudio.com](http://www.barbarahardawaystudio.com)

## AMONG OURSELVES

Gallaudet presentations at the April 24-28 American Educational Research Association's annual meeting in New Orleans, La., included: Dr. Leonard Kelly, GRI, "Determining the Relative Contributions of Orthographic Knowledge and Phonological Knowledge to the Word Recognition of Skilled Deaf Readers Early in Their Development: A Proposal"; and "Differences Between Skilled and Less Skilled Adult Deaf Readers: Working Memory Storage Capacity or Processing Efficiency"; Dr. Lynne Blennerhassett, Psychology, and Dr. Carol Traxler, GRI, "WISC-III Verbal Scale Utilization and Accommodation with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students"; and Monique Matthews (recent School

Psychology graduate) and Traxler, "Item Performance on the Stanford Achievement Test, 9th edition, by Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students."

MSSD Athletic Director and men's basketball coach Mike Weinstock was named Coach of the Month for April by ESPN. Weinstock led MSSD to a 24-3 record, and a number one ranking in both *DeafNation* and *Silent News*.

Kostantin (Kosta) Dzougoutov, an employee in Gallaudet's PPD, was the champion of the 97-pound weight class in freestyle wrestling and won second place in Roman Greco at the USA Deaf Games in Las Vegas, Nev., April 19-22.